

Press Release

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Sound files of Laois placenames

Visitors to www.logainm.ie can now listen to sound files that have been added to 219 placenames in County Laois. Sound files in Irish and English have been added to the names of the baronies, civil parishes and electoral districts as well as the names of some physical features. Sound files are already available for placenames in the following counties Waterford, Galway, Louth, Donegal, Kerry, Tipperary, Dublin, Mayo, Limerick, Leitrim, Meath, Kilkenny, Wicklow, Cork, Roscommon, Wexford, Monaghan, Clare, Carlow, Sligo, Longford, Westmeath, Kildare and Offaly. The sound recordings for the placenames in County Laois were voiced by Caoimhín Ó Néill from Trumra, Mountrath, Co. Laois.

www.logainm.ie is a public website which provides the official Irish-language names of almost 100,000 towns, streets and post offices throughout the country. The placenames website has attracted over 9.48 million hits since its official launch on 1st October 2008. Placenames are most commonly searched for by their English version. The most searched placename so far is Dublin (8,214 searches), Cork is in second place (5,218), Galway in third (4,651) and Tipperary comes fourth (4,358). The most frequently searched placenames in Co. Laois so far are Portlaoise (2,172 searches), followed by Stradbally (1,296), Portarlinton (1,267) and Durrow (850).

Students, teachers, journalists, translators and others who need the authoritative Irish form of placenames can find them easily by searching on www.logainm.ie. The site is also of interest to people worldwide who are interested in the heritage, culture and geography of Ireland.

Joe McHugh TD, Minister of State for Gaeltacht Affairs, said: “logainm.ie is a wonderful facility for professionals, students and for people who have an interest in our culture and language. I am very pleased that this important resource is being continually developed and expanded. I wish the project continued success.”

Work on www.logainm.ie is ongoing and more placenames, sound files and new interactive features are added to the website on a continuous basis.

www.logainm.ie is being developed by Fiontar, Dublin City University's Irish-medium teaching and research unit, in collaboration with the Placenames Branch of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.



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